

671 that he will not commit such a crime again. Part of the fine
682 can be given towards the funeral expenses of the deceased."

Ordeal by oil.

671 "The oil must be supplied by the Government and must
695 be of the finest quality. It is boiled in a pan at least three
inches deep. In the oil a black stone and a white stone are
placed, of equal size and weight. He who has taken the
oath must first wash his hands in water, in milk, and in
widow's urine. His hand is then bound in a cloth and sealed.
This is done a day or two before the ordeal, in order to give
him a chance of confessing. The vessel with the boiling oil is
then placed so that the stones cannot be seen, and he has
to take one out. If he takes out the white one without any
burn he wins his case. He who gets the black stone is sure
to be burnt, and loses his case. Should he who gets the
white stone be slightly burnt, it means that he has partially
spoken the truth, and wins half his case."

Concerning adultery.

671 "For violating a woman of different position 3 oz. of gold
684 have to be paid to the woman's relations, and 4 gold srang
to Government, besides many things in kind.

"For violation of a woman of the same position as the man
2 or 3 gold srang and several articles in kind must be paid.

"If the woman goes of her own accord to the man he has
only to pay 1 gold srang and three kinds of articles.

"Should one man's wife entice another married man to go
with her, she has to pay seven kinds of things in kind.

"Should a man and a woman cohabit on a journey there
is no fine."

Concerning the Lepchas.

144 "The Lepcha is the aboriginal inhabitant of Sikkim, and
the prominent character in Darjeeling, where he undertakes
all sorts of outdoor employment. The race to which he
belongs is a very singular one; markedly Mongolian in